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59. The device of Claim 58, wherein said material does not completely encapsulate said expandable member.

60. The device of Claim 55, wherein said expandable member comprises a member selected from the group consisting of a braid, a coil, a ribbon-like structure, a slotted tube, a plurality of ribs and a filter-like mesh.

61. The device of Claim 55, wherein said expandable member expands as said elongate member is retracted.

62. The device of Claim 55, wherein said expandable member occludes the blood vessel when said expandable member contacts the vascular segment.

63. The device of Claim 55, wherein said expandable member has holes therein to allow for the perfusion of blood when said expandable member is expanded.

64. The device of Claim 55, wherein the expandable member has a proximal end connected to the tubular member and a distal end connected to the elongate member.

REMARKS

With this amendment, Claims 43-64 are pending in the present application. Claims 23-42 have been canceled. Applicant reserves the right to pursue these claims at a later date. The specification has been amended as indicated above to claim priority only from Serial No. 09/026,106, filed February 19, 1998. The specific changes to the specification are shown on the attached page entitled "VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE." Applicant respectfully requests a prompt examination of Claims 43-64.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The paragraph at page 1, line 3 has been amended as follows:

This application is a continuation of application Serial No. 09/026,106, filed February 19, 1998 [which is a continuation in part of an earlier filed application (Serial No. 08/650,464, filed May 20, 1996), which is in turn a continuation in part of an application (Serial No. 08/464,579) filed June 6, 1995].

The paragraph at page 7, line 7 has been amended as follows:

A mechanism is provided for compressing the self-expanding sealing mechanism 666 so that the apparatus can be inserted into the vessel [481] and consists of an elongate sleeve 771 having proximal and distal extremities 772 and 773 and a bore 774 extending from the proximal extremity 772 to the distal extremity 773. A collar 776 is mounted on the proximal extremity 772 of the sleeve 771 and is positioned near the adapter 656. The collar 776 serves as a mechanism for retracting the sleeve as shown in Figure 2 to uncover the self-expanding sealing mechanism 666 after the catheter has been deployed to permit the self-expanding sealing mechanism 666 to expand and form a seal with the arterial vessel adjacent the stenosis to be treated.

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